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Information Letter

For N. C. A. Members

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Up-to-date, down-to-the-minute Organization.

A large canner, in renewing his membership in the Association, has the following to say commendatory of services rendered members:

"We assure you it is a pleasure to us to again be members of your up-to-date, down-to-the-minute organization."

Government Departments Close.

As a mark of respect to the late President, all the Executive Departmentsof the Government were closed this week from Tuesday noon to Saturday morning. Under the circumstances, no doubt there has been considerable delay in members receiving communications from this office.

United States Army in Market for Baked Beans.

The War Department is asking for bids on 2,400 No.3 cans and 2,400 No.2½ cans Baked Beans with Pork. The bids on these will be opened at 11.00 a.m. Standard time August 16th. Those interested in submitting bids on the above product should communicate with the Quartermaster Corps, War Department, and request proposal blanks.

Brazilian Customs Regulations.

Foodstuffs that have passed through any process of conservation or preparation are subject to analysis upon importation into the Federal district

from a foreign country, according to Brazilian regulations effective May 21. The labels of such products must indicate the name of the manufacturer, the name of his local representative or that of the importer, and the number of the analysis. If the goods have been in cold storage, this fact must also be indicated on the label.

Artificial food products are admitted provided the word "artificial" or "imitation" is printed on the containers in letters of a similar size to those indicating the kind of goods.

Canned goods and preserves manufactured with any foreign substances must bear on the labels a statement to that effect. Tin cans must have concave ends, must not be sealed with more than one drop of solder, and must be coated on the inside with some preparation that can not poison the ingredients.

Further details will be furnished on request to the Division of Foreign Tariffs, Department of Commerce.

Praises Canned Foods.

One of the large papers in a Central Western State, in commenting on household topics, has the following to say of canned foods:

> "The plain, friendly sanitary can in three standard sizes is, of course, ready to serve you with the least possible effort on your part and the most primitive of implements.
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> "The tin can for foods is almost as omnipresent as the Ford and just as reliable and useful, but in many cases can boast more style and quality. From the north pole to the pyramids you find them 'before and after using'. Modern cans and modern methods of sterilization and the scientific control of the process by experts in the canners' associations have lifted the whole canning industry out of the 'hit or miss', uneven production class into that of standardized quality and safety."

Circular #7-L.

Our members who pack string beans and beets will be interested in Circular #7-L issued this week. This deals with the processing of string beans and beets and indicates proper processes for each product in the various size cans and glass containers. This is of extreme importance, in view of the recent developments in connection with the thermal death point of B.botulinus.

Canned FoodsExhibit - Buffalo Convention.

Responses from State and local canners' associations indicate splendid support of the proposed Canned Foods Exhibit during Convention week in Buffalo next January. While the associations were asked to advise us of their

cooperation by August 15th, the following have given favorable responses and no doubt others will be heard from within the next few days:

Indiana Canners Association.
New York Canners Association.
Illinois Canners Association.
Minnesota Canners Association.
National Kraut Packers Association.
Tri-State Packers Association.
Northwest Canners Association.

Preliminary Editorial Survey Concluded.

As announced in a recent letter, one of the executives of the Association has been making a survey of the newspapers of some of the large consuming sections of the country to see what, if anything, the papers are printing about canned foods, what kind of articles are being written and who is writing them.

This is to be preliminary to the inauguration of a regular news service of menus, recipes, and canned foods articles to be sent to these editors. Details are now being worked out, based upon the results of the survey, and when completed members will be advised as to further plans.

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